

May 14, 2009

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Christian County Board of Education, 200 Glass Street, Hopkinsville, KY, on May 14, 2009, at 5:30 PM CDT. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Christian County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 3-0 to approve the new plan.

There were (6) individuals in attendance for the hearing plus three media personnel. Grover M. Canty of the Kentucky School Boards Association, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. In attendance was the superintendent of schools, two school board members, one citizen and two LPC members.

COMMENTS

Mr. Rim Watson, of the LPC called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **Projects in Priority number one-Renovations/additions to Hopkinsville Middle School, Hopkinsville High School, Indian Hills Elementary, Belmont Elementary, Christian Co. High School, Hopkinsville High School Business & Computer HVAC, Alternative School/Stadium, Holiday Park Elementary and Pembroke Elementary; Priority number two c. - Major renovations/additions at Belmont Elementary, Holiday Elementary, Indian Hills Elementary, Millbroke Elementary, Pembroke Elementary, Sinking Fork Elementary, South Christian Elementary, Hopkinsville Middle School, North Drive Middle School, Christian Co. High School, Hopkinsville High School, Stadium of Champions/Alternative School, Christian Co. Area Technical Center; In 2d. District White Board Initiative and renovation of Crofton Elementary in 2f; No projects in Priority Three. There are 2 projects in Priority Number Four- renovations to Central Bus Garage and Central Office; Discretionary projects in Priority Number Five- Construct Oak Grove Elementary, Hopkinsville High School gym HVAC, Christian County High School HVAC, Blockhouse and Swimming Pool HVAC, Lacy Elementary HVAC/controls, Renovation of Stadium of Champions/Alternative School, construct three rooms at Hopkinsville Middle, renovation/construction at North Drive Middle School, custodial receiving at Pemproke Elementary, renovations at South Christian Elementary and construct a new bus garage.**

There was no written testimony submitted to the district according to Superintendent Link. The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Mr. Michael Meier, an Oak Grove councilman, requested to speak. Mr. Meier was unhappy with the board's decision in 1995 not to build a school in Oak Grove but rather bus their children to Pembroke and South Christian Elementaries. He thanked Mr. Link for putting a preschool in their community next year but stated it was not enough. He gave figures stating that a majority of South Christian and Pembroke student bodies were from the Oak Grove Community. He feels the board of education missed a great opportunity to address the Oak Groves situation. There was no further testimony

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Christian County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Christian County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Christian County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Grover M. Canty (KSBA), Hearing Officer

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Planning Branch Manager

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Attachments: Christian County School District Facility Plan